

REMARKS

In the Specification:

Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor typographical errors and to conform the headings to standard United States practice. No new matter has been added. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. New independent claim 21 has been added. Support for new claim 21 may be found in the specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting:

Claims 1-20 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,152,582 to Takahata et al. and U.S. Patent No. 7,168,300 to Kawanishi et al. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-20 would be allowable if proper terminal disclaimers are timely filed.

In response, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer and requisite fee disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the two named patents.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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